

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
October 15, 2004 1-3 PM CDT / 12-2 PM MDT**

DDN – Aberdeen, Pierre, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Spearfish, Winner, Timber Lake

Members Present:

Stephanie Krusemark, Pat Monson, Sandi Carstensen, Roz Goodwin, Monica Mayer, DiVina Baker, Donna Olivier, David Calhoon, Karla Schlosser, Janet Ricketts, Judy Hoscheid

Members Absent:

Casey Murschel, Anne Reddy, Misty Miller, Nancy Hoyme, Byron Petersen

Others Present:

Crystal Goeden, Jan Elsing, Judy Struck

Call to Order:

Roz Goodwin called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2004 minutes was made by Stephanie Krusemark, seconded by Judy Hoscheid. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Additions to the agenda included old business: Public Awareness and new business: Mental Health Survey and CAPTA update, Part C Coordinator position update. Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Judy Hoscheid, seconded by Donna Olivier. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Revision of Administrative Rules

Jan Elsing reported that the proposed administrative rules regarding mileage and travel time reimbursement for service providers were reviewed by the Legislative Research Council Interim Rules Review Committee at 9:30 AM on October 15, 2004. The rules passed with the recommendation that we look at clarifying or omitting rule 24:14:04:12:02 Reimbursement for travel to place of other employment. It was suggested by the Review Committee members that we covered the issues in the rule 24:14:04:12:01 Reimbursement if travel is necessary solely to provide early intervention service and do not need both rules. The suggestion will be taken back to Department of Education management team for final decision. We have the option of filing only 24:14:04:12:01, filing both rules as written, or we can revise 24:14:04:12:02 and bring it through the approval process again.

Primary Service Provider training

Crystal Goeden briefed the council on the current impact of training provided on June 28-29, 2004 when Robin McWilliam, from Vanderbilt University Medical Center conducted a training workshop on the primary service provider model and the provision of early intervention services in natural environments. There were 85 service coordinators and service providers in attendance. At the Fall Service Coordinator Conference September 30-October 1, 2004, we had a one-hour discussion session to hear from service coordinators on whether or not the RBI (Routine Based Interview) and the PSP (Primary Service Provider) model have been tried. General consensus was that it was being used "some" but not a great deal yet. Some barriers are the RBI can be time consuming to do, and service providers are still unsure about the support from administrators. One school district is really excited and using the model all the time. We did provide a lesson to show how to document on the IFSP and the PLR so a service provider can be paid for the work. Service coordinators themselves would like to do RBI but their time does not allow much of it. We have no payment mechanism at this time to compensate them for their time. A second training with Robin McWilliam is scheduled for January 20-21, 2005 in Sioux Falls. Service coordinators who want to attend the second time and service providers who did not attend the first session will be invited.

Public Awareness Project

Crystal explained that each year we provide a toy of some kind to each service coordinator to use for public awareness and child find screenings that they do. Last year we provided yellow bathtub duckies with our logo and 800 number printed on them. This year we provided 4-inch basket balls in two colors. These types of items are always a big hit with children and allow us to leave something behind to remind families they were involved with Birth to 3 Connections.

Annual Performance Report

Jan handed out copies of the Annual Performance Report (APR) to the participants at the Pierre site and will mail them out to the other participants. The report is ready except for uncompleted data items on pages 10, 11, and 24. We expect this updated data will be available and inserted for final approval at our January meeting. The report is due at the Federal office in March 2005. Thanks to Barb Hemmelman for getting the majority of the work completed on this report prior to her leaving.

New Business:

SICC Membership

Monica Mayer's term will expire on December 31, 2004. She is willing to be re-nominated for a second term. Her name will be submitted to the Governor's office. Kristi Klein resigned as the representative for the Division of Insurance due to accepting a position in another state department. Sandi Carstensen with the Division of Insurance was designated to fill out the remainder of the term. Misty Miller notified us of her intention to resign as a parent of a child with special needs citing her acceptance of a new job makes it impossible for her to attend meetings. She gave us the names of two families who might be interested.

Election of Chairperson-Elect

Roz Goodwin opened the floor for nomination of Chairperson-Elect. Donna Olivier nominated Stephanie Krusemark seconded by Karla Schlosser. Roz Goodwin called for a motion to close nominations and elect Stephanie. Donna so moved, seconded by Karla. Motion carried.

Fetal Alcohol Institute with Center for Disabilities

Judy Struck is the Director of the Center for Disabilities in South Dakota. She gave a very informative presentation about the Center for Disabilities current work regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. They have a large project that provides training, services & supports, information dissemination and research. They recently affiliated with the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. They provide two diagnostic clinic sites in South Dakota; one in Sioux Falls and the other to be opened soon in Rapid City. Evaluations may be scheduled at either site. The national average cost for an evaluation is \$3600. Their charge at this time is \$900 but will soon go to \$1200. Evaluations are set up to take one day. They will determine if the child has the syndrome and also provide a follow up visit to help families and service providers implement the recommendations. The evaluation is typically done after the age of two years. The project has a wealth of information for families and service providers to access at no cost. FASD affects more children each year than Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy combined. They have research going on to determine the prevalence rate in South Dakota. The statistics show that there are 6000 children in South Dakota who have some level of FASD. The national prevalence statistics indicate that 40,000 children per year are born with FASD. The web site for this program is www.usd.edu/lcd

Part C Coordinator Position Update

Janet Ricketts reported that the Part C Coordinator position recently vacated by Barb Hemmelman has been advertised statewide. The closing date for application is October 22, 2004. They hope to fill it as soon as possible. She thanked Crystal and Jan for stepping in to take over some of the duties in the interim.

Child Care Services

Pat Monson is the Director of Child Care Services in the Department of Social Services. She is also serves on the SICC. She gave a very informative presentation on Child Care Services. The Child Care Early Learning Task force had its second meeting in September. The first meeting held in August focused on universal preschool issues. The second meeting in September focused on infant/toddler care issues and the child care for children with special needs. The next meeting will be held in Pierre on November 15 and will focus on quality of care issues, child care licensing and registration. They will meet in December to formulate the final recommendations for the 2005 legislative session that convenes in January. These meetings are open to the public and invite anyone interested to attend. Meeting minutes and notices are posted on their web site <http://www.state.sd.us/social/CCS/WhatsNew/Info.htm>. It is expected that the recommendations will be supportive of the Governor's 2010E Education initiative.

The Child Care pilot project that is designed to meet the unique needs of children with special needs currently has 12 of 15 available slots filled. The major referral source for these slots comes from Birth to 3 Connections and the Family Support Program. The rate is determined on a sliding fee scale, it can be negotiated based on the child's level of need, and relatives can be a paid provider. Expanding the number of slots is not being considered at this time.

There are five regional Early Childhood Enrichment Program sites located in Rapid City, Pierre, Aberdeen, Brookings, and Sioux Falls. The Enrichment Programs provide training to child care providers. They also conduct Responsive Parenting Classes in their region as the need is identified and provide specific training and curriculum for after school care.

Fall Service Coordinator Conference Update

Crystal reported on a part of the Fall Service Coordinator conference within the Old Business agenda item regarding Primary Service Provider training. The conference included a session by Dr. Rick Melmer on Education Service Agencies, the 2010E Education Initiative, and the future of Education in South Dakota....especially early childhood education. Linda Marchand and provided us with an entertaining and informational session entitled "Jest Attitude: Discovering Humor in a Digital Age". We had presentations from Rose Moehring on the Deaf/Blind Project, Mary Livermont with DSS/ Child Protection regarding their new CAPTA law requiring them to refer 0-3 year olds to Part C, Pat Monson with Child Care Services. The Ages & Stages Social Emotional Screening tool was distributed to each service coordinator for use with referrals that come from the child protection social workers.

Mental Health Survey and CAPTA Update

Jan reported that the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center has asked each Part C Coordinator in the country to provide input for a national survey entitled "Issues, Challenges and Strategies Re: Young Children with Mental Health Needs". The survey deadline is October 19. Pat Monson agreed to help address the questions.

CAPTA stands for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. On June 25, 2003, President Bush signed the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-36). In part, the law reauthorizes and amends CAPTA through 2008. There were several amendments to CAPTA, one of which related to referrals to Part C. The law requires that child protection officers make referrals to Part C program for any child under age 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect. Every effort should be made to involve the parent in the referral process. If the child involved in the substantiated case is not placed in CPS custody, a release of information form must be signed by the parent, guardian or custodian prior to the referral being made. Child Protection staff and Birth to 3 Connections staff has been working on a training packet for both social workers and Birth to 3 Connections service coordinators. The service coordinators received that packet and training at the Fall Conference October 1, 2004 and the CPS staff will have similar training the end of October. The financial impact of these additional referrals on Birth to 3 Connections is expected to be significant. At this time the CAPTA requirement does not have any added funding either.

Next SICC Meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2005 via DDN.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting ended at 3:00 PM CDT. Due to DDN technical difficulties a formal motion to adjourn did not occur. The host site in Pierre lost contact with the other sites just as we were wrapping up the meeting.